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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SECURITY IMPROVEMENT TO CHANCERY LOBBY

FOR RSO

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1. IT IS ASSUMED THAT UNDER PROPOSED PROJECT CITED REF, MSG WILL STAND WATCH AFTER BUSINESS HOURS AT THE NEW LOCATION OF THE RECEPTION DESK SINCE THE SIDE ENTRANCE NEED NOT BE UNDER OBSERVATION. IS THIS THE CASE?

2. HAVE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO PROPOSED PLAN BEEN RESEARCHED. ONE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO INSTALL A CRASH-BAR ON THE SIDE ENTRANCE TO THE CHANCERY THEREBY RELIEVING THE MSG FROM HAVING TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION FROM THE REAR HALLWAY. IN THIS CASE, THE MSG COULD REMAIN AT THE PRESENT MSG/RECEPTION DESK AND, IF DESIRED, GREATER PHYSICAL PROTECTION MIGHT BE AFFORDED HIM BY REINFORCING THE DESK ENCLOSURE. THUS, MSG WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION AND TIME IN WHICH TO REACT IN CASE OF ATTACK.

3. IN RELOCATING RECEPTION DESK IN POSITION BENEATH STAIR-
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WELL, IT APPEARS FROM DRAWINGS SUBMITTED THAT THE VIEW

OF THE RECEPTION DESK AND THOSE VISITORS AT THE DESK IS TO

A GREAT DEGREE RESTRICTED. IS THIS ACCURATE ASSESSMENT?

4. ABOVE INFORMATION SOUGHT FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL
SO SY CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT. KISSINGER

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